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Perpetrators Of "Colossal Lie" On Humanity

Why Claim To Fight For "Larger Freedom" Holding Millions In Bondage?

Kamaladevi Asserts India's Fundamental Political Right At Women's Conference

"Today we witness the fantastic spectacle of big world Powers claiming to fight for the larger freedom and greater happiness of mankind feeling no sense of shame or humiliation in denying those very principles to millions of the people they still continue to exploit and dominate over."

"....While England continues to hold India in political and economic bondage, the United Nations do nothing short of perpetrating a colossal lie on humanity."

In these stirring words Mrs. Kamaladevi asserted the fundamental political rights of India in the course of her presidential address at the 17th session of the All-India Women's Conference which commenced its three days' proceedings in the compound of the Vanita Vishram on Friday evening.

Shrimati Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya, President of the 17th session of the All-India Women's Conference

Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pandit, retiring President of the All-India Women's Conference.

SCOPE OF WOMEN'S MOVEMENT

Defining the exact scope of the women's movement she said that it "does not seek to make women either fight men or imitate them. It rather seeks to instil into them a consciousness of their own faculties and functions and create a respect for those of the other sex. Thus alone can society be conditioned to accept the two as equals."

A large and distinguished gathering of citizens, among whom was Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, was present at the Conference.

Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, the retiring president, proposing Smti. Kamaladevi to the chair recalled how the Conference had last met at Cocanada two years ago, in a tense atmosphere. Much had happened since then both in India and aoroad. India had passed through and was still facing many difficulties. The leaders of the nation were in jail. The nation had passed through many ordeals, a cyclone in Midnapur, famine, in Bijapur and Bengal. In all these tragedies the Conference had rendered yeoman service.

Another tragedy which had cast a gloom in every Indian home was the passing away of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi. In this connection she referred to the Kasturba Memorial Fund which would be devoted to the cause of education of women, a cause dear to the Conference.

17 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Pandit referred to the days when the Conference was founded 17 years ago, to assert the basic principle of the equality of women with men. By then many great men had led the country along the path of political progress. But socially and educationally the country was still backward. But if the Conference was to progress rapidly towards its ideal, they could not keep out of politics. They had to bring politics under their purview and courageously tackle political problems. It was this stand of the Conference which had lent it strength and popularity in recent years.

Paying a tribute to president-elect she said that Mrs. Kamaladevi had represented the Conference in India and abroad and had advanced the prestige of Indian womenhood.

The proposal was seconded by Lady Vidyaben Nilkanth.

MESSAGES

Mrs. Urmila Mehta read out messages wishing the Conference success from Mrs. Margaret Cousins, Mrs. Muthulakshmi Reddy, Smti. Amrit Kaur, the Maharaja of Vijayanagaram, Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, the Rt. Hon. Dr. M. R. Jayakar, Sir C. P. Ramaswami Iyer, Mr. G. D. Birla, Prof. Amarnath Jha, Mr. N. M. Joshi, the India League, London, Mrs. Margaret Ashby, the Women's International League, London, Dr. James Cousins, Thakar Bapa and many other individuals and organisations.

Lady Thackersey, Chairman of the Reception Committee, in the course of her welcome address traced the history of the Conference since its inception. She referred to the death of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi in jail and said that it was a loss to the entire womanhood of the world. She also referred to the death of Mr. R. S. Pandit and offered her sympathies to Mrs. Pandit.

She further referred to the sufferings created by the war, the fact that she had been a made a party to it without her consent, the dark present and darker future before the country, the problem arising out of the existence of innumerable provincial, linguistic and ideological differences in the country and the immense work awaiting to be done in the villages of India. She said that in order to tackle all these questions it was necessary to organise the several women's organisations in the country to a united whole.

Mr. M. R. Masani, the Mayor in the course of a short speech referred to the non-partisan character of the Conference and pointed out how certain other movements like the Trade Union, the peasants and the Students movements, had been split and disrupted owing to attempts to capture them for a certain party's advantage. He urged the Conference to firmly repel any such attempts.

NO MILITANT MOVEMENT

Mr. Bhulabhai Desai referred to the considerable progress that the women's movement had made in India and said that the manner in which the problem had been tackled was a matter for congratulation. There had been no militant movement because women's claims had never been resisted.

He said that the war had made possible a large scale experiment in the application of the principle of equality not only between man and man but between man and woman. He hoped that our sisters would have no occasion to complain that men did not help them in the restitution of their rights, the rehabilitation of their life and the reconstruction of the country.

NATIONALIST BUT NON-PARTISAN

The Hon. Mr. Justice M. C. Chagla said that the All-India Women's Conference was a nationalist but non-partisan organisation which had created a platform on which united Indian womanhood could stand. Women in India did not claim any rights as women but as human beings. They only asked for the same rights and status, legal, social and civic, as men. There need be no difference of opinion in conceding this claim. There were enough differences in the country and one need not add sex war to them. The society of the future must be governed by laws made both by men and women.

Mr. B. J. Wadia welcoming the delegates on behalf of the University said that in England after a long and bitter fight, women had obtained perfect equality and independence from men. He hoped that women in India would not ask for such complete independence but put their trust in an inter-dependent society.

Sir Sitaram Patkar referred to the legal disabilities of women due to certain archaic laws. The only remedy against this mischief was legislation. He hoped that the force of public opinion created by the Conference would be able to overcome the opposition to such legislation.

Shrimati Rameshwari Nehru proposed a vote of thanks which was seconded by Dr. Mrs. Malinibai Sukthankar.

The following are extracts from Mrs. Kamaladevi's address:

KAMALADEVI'S SPEECH

I should like at the outset to offer our sincerest sympathies to Srimati Vijaya Laxmi Pandit. Our retiring President, in the irreparable loss she has sustained, and send our greetings to Mrs. Margaret Cousins, who may be justly called the founder of this Conference, now lying on her sick bed, to wish her a speedy recovery.

Although the women's movement has fairly advanced and matured, I feel the need to-day more than ever to restate its case, because of the continued misunderstanding of its nature and growth by a large number of men and quite a few women alike. The women's movement is essentially a social movement and part of the process of enabling a constituent part of society to adjust itself to the constantly changing social and economic conditions, and trying to influence those changes and conditions with a view to minimising irritations and conflicts and making for the largest measure of harmony. To give it any other interpretation or shear it off to isolate it from the main current, is socially injurious. It is equally erroneous to hold the "nature of man" responsible for women's disabilities and give the women's movement an anti-man twist. It is the nature of our society which is at fault and our drive has to be directed against faulty social institutions.

FALSE VALUE

Closely allied to a false conception of the women's movement is also the false value allotted to the women's economic worth. The correct premise to start from is the recognition of the social division of labour between the sexes, which gives the lie direct to the middle and upper class conception of women as domestic and social parasites, living off their husbands and contributing nothing. Woman power is basic and the woman must be recognised as a social and economic factor on her own, not as an assistant to man. Little recognised are the tremendous labours of the housewife and even in the most highly industrialised countries, housekeeping still remains the major industry, and the housewives still form the majority. To blandly state that woman produces children and rears them, cooks food, cleans, washes, is not enough. According to industrial economy she produces labour power, and labour power is basic, for, without it none of the other kinds of power can be made to operate. But that too is not good enough. The housewife, is as much of a working woman as a factory worker. She expends more energy and time and skill in the production of commodities than the unionised, legally protected worker, for her hours are unlimited and her tools countless.

"PRICELESS" TREASURE

Tradition has always tended to place a lower value on the home production and services. One reason may be because such goods and services do not come on the market but only cater to the family group as consumers. Yet, really speaking, this very fact should make them as one writer says "Priceless." For, since society depends upon the family not only for biological perpetuation but cultural as well, woman as the guardian of the home and one of its stabilising factors, will also continue to remain "Priceless." The tragedy is that its very non-pecuniary and non-competitive character has lowered the prestige of the woman's role. Husbands who claim they 'support' their wives simply because the latter do not bring home a pay cheque, are being anti-social, upsetting the harmonious social equilibrium and breaking social solidarity. For it is time society recognised that every housewife supports herself though she may not scratch at a desk or run a machine, by the social labour she performs and the contribution she makes towards the maintenance of the home and its happiness.

FIELD FOR TALENTS

The entrance of women into extra-domestic activities has to be welcomed, for it provides a wider field for the women's talents, breaks the rela-

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Fresh Powers For Goebbels

Appointed Sole Head Of Reich Capital For "Prosecution Of War"

BERLIN, April 7.

The German news agency announced to-day 'Hitler has appointed the 'Gauleiter' of Berlin Doctor Joseph Goebbels to be sole head of the Administration of the Capital to concentrate all administrative power in his person particularly for the prosecution of war.

The provisions of Law covering the constitution and administration of the Reich Capital have been suspended. Other functions of Doctor Goebbels as Reichsleter and "Gauleter" of the party and as Reichsminister are not affected by this new appointment. In his new capacity Dr Goebbels will have the title of Town President.

RUSSIAN ATTACK ON FINNISH TOWN

BERLIN, April 7.

A Finnish "communique" to-day reported, according to the German news agency that 30 Russian divebombers this morning attacked the large Finnish industrial town and port of Kotka on the Gulf of Finland. Damage and casualties were caused the "communique" said.—Reuter.

CASSINO QUIET

Nazi Casualties On Adriatic Front

LONDON, April 7

From Reuter's Special Correspondent at the Advanced Allied Headquarters in Italy:—

German propaganda leaflets were showered into the Allied Anzio bridgehead yesterday as the Germans tried once again to penetrate Allied lines in the vicinity of Carroceto. The attack was driven off by Fifth Army troops who inflicted heavy casualties on the Germans.

Allied Artillery silenced German mortars in the same area and started fires in a German gun position.

Cassino remains fairly quiet with little ground activity. Allied artillery neutralised German mortars and engaged German infantry movements in the vicinity of Continental Hotel.

Active patrolling continued on the Adriatic front where the Germans suffered several casualties in attempting an attack on Allied positions about two miles south of Guardiagrele.—Reuter.

Giraud Tenders Resignation

ALGIERS, April 7.

General Giraud has tendered his resignation but his offer has not been accepted.

The Committee of National Liberation have offered him the post of Inspector General of the Armies of France.—Reuter.

R. A. F. RAIDS HAMBURG

LONDON, April, 7: The Air Ministry announced: 'Last night "Mosquitoes' of the Bomber Command attacked Hamburg and objectives in the Ruhr and Rhineland. One of our aircraft is missing.—Reuter.

CAWNPORE HINDI DAILY SUSPENDED

CAWNPORE, April 6: "Vir Bharat" a local Hindi daily, has stopped publication with effect from April 1.

It is understood that the proprietor of the paper received a communication from the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Industries and Civil Supplies, stating that by resuming publication of his newspaper without obtaining previous permission of the Central Government, he had committed an offence under the D.I.R. and asking the proprietor of the paper to stop publication forthwith.—A. P.

Mr. Montagu Norman is retiring on April 13 owing to ill-health after many years as Governor of the Bank of England. In the last week of January last, he was suffering from pneumococcal septicaemia which is a form of poisoning in the blood-stream following pneumonia, and had a relapse causing ...
Lord Catto, a Scotsman and an ex-Director of the Bank of England, will succeed him.

BATTLE FOR ODESSA

MOSCOW April 7

(Special despatch from Reuter's Staff Correspondent):

The Red air force has taken the lead in the battle for Odessa, with a sea of mud making the plains before the city almost impassable general Rodion Malinovsky has switched the big weight of his striking force from artillery to bombers. He is also using hundreds of tiny single-engined biplanes to supply his ground forces. Outside the Proskurov, General Pockret Von Manstein has launched a relief attack from the south-west of Tarnopol with powerful tank and infantry forces in a bid to break through his encircled forces now driven back west of Skala.—Reuter.

Germans Occupy Varna

ISTANBUL, April 7.

German airborne troops from Salonica have now completed the occupation of Varna, the largest Bulgarian Blacksea port 245 miles by sea from the Russian port of Odessa.—Reuter.

PUNJAB PREMIER'S TERMS TO JINNAH

LAHORE, April 7.

According to the "Daily Herald" of Lahore, the right hand man of the Punjab Premier, Syed Amjad Ali, left for Delhi where he will place before Mr. Jinnah a formula prepared by the Punjab Premier to disentangle the ministerial knot.

The formula is believed to be a 'via media' between the two extreme views represented by Sir Chhotu Ram, Revenue Minister, the Punjab, and Mr Jinnah. Whereas the Premier is said to be agreeable according to the formula to a change of the nomenclature of the Ministry he refuses to work under the Muslim League label. On the other hand, he is reported to have suggested that the Ministry be christened as the Punjab Coalition Ministry.

Malik Khizar Hyat Khan Tiwana, according to the paper, also gives an undertaking that the Muslim League Assembly party will henceforth be subject to the control and discipline of the Muslim League Parliamentary Board.—A.P.

Plea For Coalition Ministries

Non-Party Conference Demands

In the Non-Party Conference, the first resolution, moved by Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, on the death of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi, was passed all standing.

Moving the second resolution which related to the restoration of the Legislatures in the five provinces of Madras, Bombay, the United Provinces, Bihar and the Central Provinces Kunwar Sir Jagdish Prasad said that Section 93 had been so applied as to concentrate all legislative, administrative and financial powers in the hands of the Governors who had assumed the functions hitherto exercised by the Ministers.

Sir Jagdish said with a full sense of responsibility that it was unwise for the Government to continue any longer the suspension of the legislatures and strongly urged for their restoration.

Concluding the speaker suggested the formation of coalition ministries as such ministries were likely to be more successful than others in present conditions.

Seconding the resolution Sir Maharaj Singh said that for over four years the Legislatures had been suspended with the result that there was a great sense of frustration in the country.

Concluding Sir Maharaj Singh said that much of the trouble could have been solved if coalition ministries had been set up in the Provinces four years ago. He appealed to his audience to help the Conference secure for the U.P. and other Provinces more responsible ministries.

Supporting the resolution Mr. Mohammad Yunus, ex-Premier of Bihar, said that he believed that the steps suggested were not only in the best interests of the Indian people, but in their wider application, they were as much in the interest of Britain.

Raja Jagannath Bux Singh, Mr. Kalbe Abbas and Sardar Sant Singh of Lucknow also supported it.

The resolution was unanimously passed.—A.P.

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JAP ATTACKS ON IMPHAL REPULSED

Enemy Establishes Blocks On Kohima Road & Infiltrates To The West

NEW DELHI, April 7.

On the southern sector of the Assam front our patrols are operating offensively against the enemy lines of communication west of the Chindwin, says today's Allied War Communique.

ATTACKS IN IMPHAL AREA

The Japanese continue their small isolated attacks in the Imphal area: all these have been successfully repulsed.

JAPS INFILTRATE

In the Kohima area the Japanese troops which established blocks on the Imphal-Kohima road have infiltrated slightly to the west of the road, where our troops are in contact with them.

Allies Keep Up Offensive In Arakan

On the Arakan front our offensive is being maintained. The eastern tunnel on the Maungdaw-Buthidaung road was captured on April 6 by our troops assisted by tanks. South-east of Maungdaw good progress has been made towards the central ridge of the Mayu Range and there was patrol activity on both sides in the vicinity of Buthidaung.

On the Kaladan front pressure by West African troops continues. Two Japanese counter-attacks were successfully repulsed with heavy casualties to the enemy.

IN CENTRAL BURMA

In Central Burma our forces continue to harass the enemy's communications and to inflict casualties on him.

Our forces advancing on the Sumprabum-Myitkyina road are south of the Tiangu Hka and in contact with the enemy.

Chinese forces in the Mogaung Valley are attacking Wakawng on the road between Shaduzup and Kamaing East of the road our forces are advancing in contact with the enemy along the Mogaung river south of Mihloigah Tawng West of the road Chinese troops are destroying Japanese pill-boxes in their attack along the Htalu Hka.

U. S. Planes Bomb Burma-Siam Railway

For the second time within a month U.S. heavy bombers of the Strategic Airforce Eastern Air Command, on April 5 made a low-level attack on the Burma-Siam Railway.

Bombing from between 300-600 feet the aircraft destroyed three bridges and probably destroyed five more. Rail tracks were broken at many places by direct hits. Four locomotives and a considerable number of rolling stock were heavily damaged or destroyed. Railway buildings were set on fire, in addition, a 100-feet vessel and a barge were left sinking. Long range R.A.F. fighters strafed the same target, damaging four locomotives and a number of rolling stock. Similar fighters of the Tactical Air Force during the night of April 5/6 and again on April 6 in daylight maintained their offensive against rail and river communications in South Burma.

Medium bombers of the Strategic Air Force on the night of April 5/6 attacked railway targets and dump areas in Central and South Burma. Next day mediums scored near misses on Myigatha and Tangon bridges.

Fighters of the Tactical Air Force strafed objectives in the Arakan, Mayu and Kaladan areas on April 6, while on April 5 and 6 in daylight, and on the night of April 5/6, R.A.F. and I.A.F. dive-bombers, fighter-bombers and fighters maintained their offensive in strength against enemy positions, Motor Transport, River-craft, villages and other objectives in the Chin Hills, Chindwin Valley, Naga Hills and North-west Burma. In one strike against communications fighters saw a large motor transport fall into a ravine.

Medium bombers, dive-bombers, fighter-bombers and fighters on April 4/5 were active in support of troops in Northern Burma.

Nearly 800 sorties were flown by the Eastern Air Command in these operations from which two Allied aircraft are missing.

JAP PATROLS 10-12 MILES NORTH OF IMPHAL

NEW DELHI April 7 – Recent Japanese troops movement in the Kohima area including their infiltrations slightly to the west of the Imphal-Kohima road suggest that they are preparing to launch their first main attack on this town.

Already our troops are in contact with them west of the road.

Such a move was anticipated in Imphal, where we have the advantage of miles of open plain the conditions are greatly in our favour and here, with but one minor exception the enemy has shown no desire to come out on to the plain and fight it out.

In Kohima, the Japanese are slightly better favoured by the close nature of the country through which they may continue to fight.

Here there is better scope for their favourite infiltration tricks, but Kohima, like Imphal, is extremely well defended. There is every confidence in India that both places will be able to withstand any assault and batter the enemy back.

Enemy patrols have been spotted on the edge of the plain 10-12 miles north and north-east of Imphal, but as yet there is no indication of their massing to attack.

Meanwhile, the Seventeenth Division has cleared its way towards Imphal and is in a strategic position to counter any threatened Japanese offensive in this area. Steadily the Japanese have been building up their strength, particularly in the Kohima area, and the major operations against their main objectives must be imminent. Our troops are fit, well equipped and ready. They have already proved in innumerable patrol clashes and ambushes that they are more than equal to the enemy.

RAJAJI SEES JINNAH

NEW DELHI, April 7. Mr. C. Rajagopalachari met Mr. Jinnah to-day and had an hour's talk with him.—A. P.

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Women As Guardians Of Home Will Ever Remain "Priceless"

Kamaladevi On 'Raison D'etre' Of Women's Movement

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tive segregation of the women as a sex, relaxes the restrictions that otherwise narrow women's functions. What is strange is that as long as woman confines herself to her domestic duties, she is censured as a burden on man, whereas if she tries to earn a livelihood outside the home, she is equally condemned as a competitor of man, trying to take his livelihood away from him.

The field of operations that lie before the Conference is ever-widening. Many varied activities beckon and the temptation to rush in all directions is great. But like an autumnal matron who has developed a high sense of discrimination but not lost her youthful vigour and enthusiasm, the Conference would do well to concentrate on a few items and do them well. First in importance I would place the training of social services, so eminently needed yet so grievously neglected. It had been my privilege to have my modest little experiment in this field accepted by the Conference.

APPEAL TO PROVINCIAL BRANCHES

The ready response and co-operation it received from other organisations, workers and the public heartens me to once again appeal to the provincial branches of the Conference to make this one of the chief programmes of work for the year, with any necessary modifications in the original scheme. Closely allied to this is the necessity for training women in handicrafts and fostering hand industries. Those of our branches who are already working in this direction, one of them even turning out paper, will testify to the utility of such ventures. They will provide a means of livelihood to many helpless women. Incidentally, they will add to the industrial production of our country at a time when it is not able to meet our needs. Every Branch should initiate and run whatever industries it is best in a position to. In such undertakings, I am sure, we can always count on the help and co-operation of other experienced bodies who are already in the field but who do not attempt to specially train and employ women, a task this Conference is best fitted for.

As essential and as scarce are the health-services, particularly nursing. A rough set of figures say, there is one Nurse for every 56,000 people or to 256 square miles. The Health visitors are about one per 3,50,000. The maternity and child welfare movement is mostly a week-end show and the entire country can boast of only 800 centres to cater to such a vast area and population. All this makes an appalling picture. While admitting that the Women's Conference is not the body which can build up a complete health service to meet the country's requirements, I feel sure it can make a small but appreciable contribution. It can recruit women to the nursing profession, encourage many more girls to take courses in public health nursing, first aid, industrial hygiene, etc., and also get more of such courses introduced in our educational and social institutions. It can help to organise shorter courses in the general principles of nursing to meet the present emergency in the country.

NURSING AND RELIEF

At the same time it should agitate to raise the standard of housing, allowance, training and pay of the nursing staff, with a view to popularise and secure social recognition to this long despised but most noble of professions. The Conference can also organise relief units out of the available material and co-operate with such bodies as the Women's Reserve Medical Unit formed by the medical women in Delhi, and which did such excellent service in Bengal. Such work deserves our warmest commendation and I can only hope that this worthy example will be followed by other provinces in distress. The Branches and Sub-Branches can certainly dot the country with numerous maternity and child welfare centres, creches, etc.

Although the food problem is the most frightening at the moment and tends to overshadow most others, its causes are beyond the Conference's power to remedy. As long as India's economy continues to be throttled and perverted by foreign interests, hunger and starvation must stalk this land of plenty. Only careful development of its vast untapped wealth based on an economy designed to meet the needs of the people by a free Indian people's government, can aspire to overcome this dreadful scourge of perpetual famines. But that can't by any means be our final word on it. As women happen to be the regulators of food in the home they should be more sensitive now than ever to the care and preservation of food, avoid waste in daily consumption as also in lavish hospitality which in the present setting strikes one as painfully incongruous. Working out of balanced diets with the limited things available, would also help. The worst sufferers in this tragic drama are the children. In every responsible society they have the first claim on the available resources, particularly milk. But today in our country the man who pays the price gets the milk. So, while adults who are not wholly dependant on this article are able to get large supplies and sometimes even thoughtlessly waste it, children who solely subsist on it are forced to go without it if they do not have sufficient means. Ways and methods must be sought by us to alter this and see that our children, which in reality means several future generations to come, are not hopelessly undermined. We shall be guilty of a grave crime if we do not get this righted immediately.

WOMEN IN MINES

Two happenings affecting women have considerably agitated the public mind:—the re-employment of women in mines and the Bills emerging from the deliberations of the Rau Committee and now before the Central Assembly. The former, an act penetrated in violation of an International agreement and intense national feeling, has raised such a storm of protest both in India and abroad as to bear ample testimony to its unpopularity. The Government arguments that no compulsion is applied and that wages have been increased, have no reality. Poverty drives people to any risks. The very fact that three annas a day is paid for surface work as against eight annas underground is explanation enough. The wage even after this grand increase is about Rs. 15, while the average in other industries in the neighbourhood is around Rs. 25 to 30. In addition, the general conditions are very bad, housing deplorable and inadequate. Although the agitation against this measure has been considerable, it has not been effective, and none of us can rest while it continues. The Women's Conference, if it is to prove an effective instrument for safeguarding women's interests, must get women out of the mines as speedily as possible.

NATIONAL LEGAL CODE

All progressive elements in India have long dreamed of the establishment of a common national legal code, operating irrespective of caste or creed. It is as a step towards this that we welcome the codification of the Hindu Law undertaken by the Rau Committee, and not as an end in itself. I hope this attempt will fructify in the near future and give us the entire codification as a complete picture, instead of in bits and pieces which so easily lend themselves to distortion when isolated from the whole. The Conference has supported the Intestate Succession Bill in spite of its inadequate nature, because it seeks to give recognition to the principle of women's right. It is regrettable that in the Marriage Bill the barriers of caste and gotra which have lost most of their significance in modern society, have not been overcome. The clause on monogamy is welcome though it would not serve the purpose without certain other changes which are envisaged. The Women's Conference, along with other liberal sections of society has always stood for the institution of marriage. The strong allegiance of women to this institution hardly needs reiteration, for it is proverbial. Instinctively in their own interest and in the interest of social stability so deeply ingrained in them, they will always strive to keep this intact. But all societies including the Hindu, have recognised the need for modification, in its legal attitudes. Laws have had to change from time to time under changing conditions. Those who seek a relaxation in a rigid marriage law or a law that makes differences between the sexes indispensing justice, do not do so on flimsy grounds but on a deep respect for and understanding of the function of law which is to enable harmonious living. Where it becomes a social injustice, the need for an adjustment has to be recognised by society as imperative.

LIVING ON DREAMS

Some mental and verbal agitation has been afoot over the political nature of the Women's Conference. To a subject people politics is its very life breath. To deny that urge is to deny life. Weighed down though we may be by chains, we continue to live on dreams and thoughts of freedom and a striving towards it. To formulate political sensitiveness into an accusation, is to charge the organisation for being alive. The Women's Conference cannot remain impervious to natural inner urges and cataclysmic outer events. The members of the Conference may have different political affiliations, but I have no doubt they represent an effort to reach the same cherished goal of national freedom by varied paths. But to lose sight of that goal would mean the negation of the very objective this great organisation stands for; self-respect and social solidarity. But it is in the very nature of its role and function that it should remain non-partisan, unattached to any political school or party. It has been our pride in the past to maintain that and it shall be our duty in the future to preserve it. Those who think and act otherwise I have no hesitation in saying most emphatically, are no friends of the Conference.

NO PRACTISING ACCORDING TO PREACHING

To-day we witness the fantastic spectacle of big world powers claiming to fight for the larger freedom and greater happiness of mankind feeling no sense of shame or humiliation in denying those very principles to millions of the people they still continue to exploit and dominate over. It is not idle curiosity or cheap sentiment which shapes the question that haunts and harasses every diplomat like a family ghost: "What about India"? We may well say "Everything", for while England continues to hold India in political and economic bondage, the United Nations do nothing short of perpetrating a colossal lie on humanity. India is more than a test, it is a symbol. It is the mirror in which the world sees the shape of things to be.

THE REAL FREEDOM

Concluding, Kamaladevi said: "It is more important to determine its basis, and the principles that will guide the distribution, in short, who controls and directs the economy. We cannot surely subscribe to a system in which many produce but few enjoy the benefit, in which artificial scarcity is created by arbitrarily denying men the right to produce, and destroying natural wealth. Women can have real freedom only in a society which will uphold the sanctity of life and the dignity of labour, a society which will give every child the fullest opportunities for development, enforce and practise those fundamental economic and social rights that entitle every individual to a decent life, the fruits of his or her labour, and the benefits of science and culture. To achieve this the Women's Conference should ally itself with all the progressive forces in the country and develop a vital identity with other oppressed sections of the society to pull its full weight on the side of progress in order to overcome reaction. Thus alone can it meet the present challenge and play an accredited role in the national regeneration of the country."

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TO-DAY

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Sunrise: 7-28 a.m. Sunset: 7-53 p.m
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Domestic Occurrence

DEATH

D'SOUZA—Faustino of Kohinoor Mills—beloved husband of Palmira and son of Mrs. Rosalina D'souza and brother of Salusino—of Porvorim Goa—expired Friday 7th instant. Funeral leaves residence "Sylverton" Mahim for St. Michaels Church this evening at 5-30 p.m. (N.S. T.)

To-day's Engagements

MOON-LIGHT BAND: Moon-light Band Music at the Victoria Gardens to-day, from 9-30 to 11-30 p.m. (S. T.), by the City Police Band.

ALL-INDIA CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION: Parimal Sangh—Recital of songs by Shree Vinod Joshi to-day, at 6-30 p.m., at Ramchandra Mansion, Sandhurst Road.

SWAMI RAMDAS BIRTHDAY: Sixty-first Birthday Anniversary of Swami Ramdas at Ramdas Nivas, 16th Road, Khar. Programme of Devotional songs and Talks at 4-30 p.m. to-day.

ALLELUIA BALL: At the Catholic Gymkhana (Tennis Courts) to-day, at 9-30 p.m. in aid of needy students, etc. Music by Rumba Boys and Arthur Jacobs.

A BENEFIT FILM SHOW: In aid of the Sri Veera Maruti Temple Renovation Fund a show of the well-known Prabhat Film "Jnaneshwar" will be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday (April 9) at the Imperial Cinema, Lamington Road.

ALL-INDIA WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

1st Sitting of the Conference, 11-30 to 1-30 and 2 to 4 p.m. Vanita Vishram Garden.

Tea to Delegates and R. C. Members: Hostess Shrimati Vijaben Navinchandra Mafatlal, 4 to 5 p.m.; Lecture, 5 to 6 p.m.. Variety Entertainment: Sunderbai Hall, Shrimati Shantaben Bhat to preside, 6-30 to 8-30 p.m.

BOMBAY KERALEEYA SAMAJ: A public reception will be accorded to the Malabar delegates to the All-India Women's Conference to-morrow (Sunday) at 9-30 a.m. at the Podar College, Matunga.

SOUTH INDIAN ASSOCIATION: The South Indian Association Annual Day will be celebrated to-day, at 9 p.m., at the Association premises, Matunga. Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari, M. L. A. (Central), will preside. There will be an interesting programme of Dance and Music on the occasion.

IQBAL ANNIVERSARY: As a part of "Iqbal Anniversary Celebration", this year, a Mushaira will be held to-day (Saturday), at Saboo Siddick Institute Hall, at 9-30 p.m., in honour of Poet Iqbal. Well-known poets will participate. Pandit Sudarshan will preside.

COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: The Municipal Commissioner will meet the elected members of Ward No. 8, to-day, at 6-51 a.m. (B. T.), at the junction of Charni Road and Grant Road (Railway Hotel), and go round with them in the Ward.

MEETING IN THE MEMORY OF LATE SETH BHAGOJI KEER: A meeting of Hindu Sabhaites will be held to-day (Saturday), at Kitte Bhandari Hall, Gokhale Road, Dadar, at 9 p.m., in the memory of late Seth Bhagoji Keer, Rao Bahadur S K. Bole will preside.

FRIENDS OF THE SOVIET UNION: Members and Sympathisers will meet to-day, at 9 p.m., at Orient High School, Lady Jamshetji Road, Shivaji Park, Dadar, when Sjt. Mohan Kumarmangalam will speak on "Tata-Birla Economic Plan and the Soviet Five-Year Plans".

"WISDOM OF ANCIENTS": Acharya T. A. Venkateswara Dikshitar, Ubhayamimamsapravina, will deliver a lecture in Sanskrit on 'The Wisdom of the Ancients' at the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, at 5-30 p.m. to-day (Saturday). It is open to the public.

RECEPTION TO BENGAL CRICKET TEAM.

The Bengal Club Bombay, will entertain the Bengal Cricket Team led by H.H. the Maharaja of Cooch Behar at a Tea-Party at the A. C. Chatterjee Memorial Hall, Anglo-Bengali School, Naigaum, on Sunday, at 7-30 p.m.

NATIONAL WAR FRONT: Course of Studies in International Relationship for High School and College teachers. The eleventh lecture on "World Economic and Financial Organisation" by Prof. S. G. Panandikar, in the Lecture Hall of the University School of Economics at 5 p.m.

LIFE SENTENCE FOR 5 CONSTABLES

ALLAHABAD, April 7: Failing to get bribe and getting shoe beating, five members of the special armed constabulary, of the United Provinces raided the house of a shop-keeper named Dular, took him away near a telegraph post, shot him and his wife in a grove nearby, and falsely reported that Dular was shot while cutting a wire and that a mob of 30 persons chased them when, in defence, the constables opened fire killing the above persons.

Such was the story revealed in the High Court when Mr. Justice Hamilton found the prosecution story established and sentenced these constables to transportation for life under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code.

The case was originally heard by the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Dutt who differed whether the appellants Shamsud din and another committee any offence. Therefore the case was referred to a third Judge, Mr. Hamilton, who came to the above conclusion.

In the course of the judgment Mr. Hamilton said: "It is strange that out of a crowd of 30 men who went climbing the telegraph pole should be a Bania, 48 years of age. It is strange that the accused should lie down and fire from some 70 yards when probably they could reach the pole as quickly as a man could get down from it. It is strange that five days before full moon they should hit him at all.

It is strange that a small new Congress flag should be taken at all and left as a kind of visiting card to show who was tampering with the wires. It is strange that a very flimsy betelnut cutter should be used to cut the wires. It is strange that crow-bars should be used to dig up the telegraph pole when there must have been suitable implements like 'pharuas' (spade) in the village, for it should have taken hours to dig up the pole with the crow-bars. The articles found there were an attempt, and not a good one either to show how there was a gang of men trying to do sabotage. Once that story of sabotage fails the rest of the story that the accused were chased by a gang of men falls to the ground. It is hard if not impossible to believe the story."

Continuing his Lordship said: "I believe the story of the occurrence on December 16, 1942 (a scuffle between the Bania and the constables) and find sufficient evidence that the Sipahi was Shamsuddin and also believe that the five accused led Dular away from his house. There was, however, concerted firing, and taking this fact together with what happened subsequently I am of opinion that they are all guilty of murder of Musammat Thakuri and Dular. When the accused first decided to murder, is known to them alone. Their story is false and I can venture no guess as to how long before the accused committed the murder they intended to do so".—United Press.

ARRESTED AFTER MAKING SPEECHES

(From Our Correspondent.)

According to the programme chalked out by Sangram Samitee, Kathiawar, there was a meeting last night in celebration of the National Week in Sadarshak Market Chowk. Sjts. Shivanandji Wadhwanwala and Ramanlal Liladhar were arrested by the Agency Police just after they have delivered speeches at the meeting and were taken in police custody.

Hahnemann Anniversary

In honour of the 101st anniversary of Samuel Bahemann, founder of Homeopathy, Dr. D. N. Koppikar, the well-known Homeopath of Karnatak, will celebrate a Hahnemann Week from 10th to 16th instant by offering free consultation from 10th to 13th at Anandashram, Proctor Road, and from 13th to 16th at some other place to be announced later, the hours of attendance at each place being 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Selections For Final Day

KOTOR STRONGLY FANCIED IN WAR GIFTS FUND CUP

(From Our Racing Correspondent)

The Bombay racing season comes to a close to-day with the decision of the second day's War Fund Meeting programme.

Three Cup events figure in the programme. Kotor is strongly fancied in the attractive feature, the War Gifts Fund Cup.

The following are my selections:—
1st race: Keep Smilin' 1. Double Action 2. Beau Jour 3.
2nd race: Halfaya 1. Awadh Farhan 2. Flower of Calcuta 3.
3rd race: Handley Cross 1. Royal Princess 2. Princess Padma 3.
4th race: Janab 1. Silver Screen 2. Maha 3.
5th race: Kotor 1. Cobalt 2. Royal Page 3.
6th race: Snowfall 1. Gay Son 2. Bathurst 3.
7th race: Malik al Jiyad 1. Majnun Anwah 2. Shree Ranjit 3.
8th race: Sukab Baghdad 1. New Jack 2. King Solomon 3.
9th race: Broadcast 1. Beau Brummel 2. Windsor Way 3.
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By T. V. P.

Navyug's 'Pundalik' coming to Central to-day is based on the life-story of the man who founded the famous temple of Pandharpur, and is essentially a domestic drama of a son and his devotion to his parents.

In the hands of Director Junnarkar, author Roy Kinikar, artists Kusum Deshpande, Saroj Borkar, Sudha Apte, Savakar, Paranjpe, Javdekar and the new romantic pair Devdas and Sharda, and the Navyug's technicians, 'Pundalik' is expected to be a fine picture.

'Dulhan' of Ramanik Productions starring Shahu Modak, Yashodhara Katju, Maya Banerji and Kanayalal was released yesterday at Kamal.

Krishnarao as Savata Mali.

'Hamari Baat' of Bombay Talkies' enters its silver jubilee week from today at Majestic.

'Fashion' starring Sardar Akhtar, Chandramohan and Sabita Devi is drawing good audiences at Roxy in its third week.

'Mahasati Anasuya' in the second week at Krishna starring Durga Khote and Shobhana Samarth has caught the public eye.

'Zamin' in the fourth week at Minerva is considered a very unusually engrossing picture by the fans.

'Mali' at Novelty in Hindustani and Marathi versions is attracting crowds as it is a Shantaram production.

'Shukriya' of Talwar Productions starring Ramola will be released at West End next Saturday.

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Art: V. JADHAV

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AT THE COMPLETELY RENOVATED & REDECORATED
NOVELTY

DISTRIBUTION OF EATABLES AT PARTIES, etc.

The Bombay Government's Order banning parties and entertainments of 50 or more persons in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District as amended on October 2d, 1943 has now been in force for more than five months. But the public still seems to be under some misconceptions about the exact meaning of the Order.

In the first place, the Order covers all parties, entertainments or functions, religious, social or otherwise, whether there is one host or a number of hosts, or whether each and every person attending the party pays his or her cost of the meal. In fact, it applies to all distribution of eatables at or in connection with any party, entertainment or function, either in a person's private residence or in a hotel or a club.

SECONDLY, without the necessary permit from the Supply Commissioner no party or entertainment can be held where the total number exceeds 49, including guests and hosts. There is thus NO basis for the misconception that in connection with a function, two sets of hosts can each feed 49 persons.

THIRDLY, the Order prohibits the distribution of eatables not merely *at* but *in connection with* a party, etc. This means that a person cannot send eatables to the residence of individuals whom he wishes to entertain.

FINALLY, eatables include all SOLID FOOD, whether rationed or not, including fruits, nuts, wafers, wedding cakes, etc.

ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, April 7: The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at 8 hours on April 3:—

Allahabad 88 68 T, BOMBAY 88 78 0, Calcutta 91 73 0, Cawnpore 87 67 T, Cuttack 92 73 0, Darjeeling 63 45 T, Delhi 85 62 0.9 Dehra Dun 76 55 0.8, Jacobabad 84 55 64, Karachi 85 73 0, Lahore 78 59 0.1, Lucknow 89 68 0, Madras nil, Nagpur nil, Patna 87 67 0, Peshawar 68 53 1.6, Shillong 65 4? 0.1, Simla 55 35 0.2.—A.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Physical risk and suffering are after all petty compared to the troubles and tempests of the mind. And whether life is soft or hard, one can always get something out of it; but to enjoy life ultimately, one must decide not to count the cost.

—Jawaharlal Nehru.

The Bombay Chronicle

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The All-India Women's Conference, which commenced its 17th annual session in this city on Friday, is by general consent the most representative of women's organisations in the country. Its general aim is "to deal with all questions affecting the welfare of women and children" and it has a proud record of service in the cause of educational, social and economic progress of women and also of the country as a whole. The last session met in 1941 at Cocanada under the presidentship of Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pandit but no session could be held during the last two years owing to the abnormal political conditions in the country and the absence of several workers in jail. As pointed out by the Mayor and Mr. Justice Chagla, the Conference has developed in recent years a strongly nationalist and democratic character but without being identified with any one political party. The Conference is, therefore, duly asserting itself in the politics of the country. These new tendencies will obviously receive a strong impetus under the presidentship of Mrs. Kamaladevi. In her presidential address she justly observed: "To a subject people politics is its very life-breath. To deny that urge is to deny life."

Referring to the rapid pace at which 'the field of operation that lie before the Conference is ever-widening," the President suggested that the Conference should "concentrate on a few items and do them well." She particularly commended training for social service, training in handicrafts and hand industries, organising health services, particularly nursing, rigorous economy in the consumption of food, and ensuring adequate milk for children. She also recommended that the Conference, "If it is to prove an effective instrument for safeguarding women's interests must get women out of the mines as speedily as possible." As she discusses the various tasks before the Conference and the country, she realises how "the continued detention of our valued and irreplaceable leaders and comrades who alone at the helm could transform the scene from despair to hope and weave order out of chaos, often dulls our spirit and stays our hand". But she rightly urges that "this very tragedy should in truth, galvanize us into greater and mightier action, for our responsibility becomes doubly greater." Many leaders of the Conference including the President have set a noble example in discharging this heavy responsibility. The Conference as a whole should emulate their example and lay to heart the President's concluding appeal: "The Women's Conference should ally itself with all the progressive forces in the country and develop a vital identity with other oppressed sections of the society to pull its full weight on the side of progress in order to overcome reaction. Thus alone can it meet the present challenge and play an accredited role in the national regeneration of the country."

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Indians In America

American attitude towards the question of according citizenship rights to Indians is definitely more favourable now than ever before. The change may be gauged from the remark of the "Baltimore Sun", which points out that there are no real difficulties that hinder the granting of this right and that all old bogies of influx of cheap Labour and "undesirable Orientals" have long since been laid. The paper points out that actual figures belie these fears and adds that, apart from the duty of recognising India's war help, discrimination against Indians is hardly consistent with such lofty professions as those contained in the Atlantic Charter". When the war danger is gone the lofty professions may possibly be explained away—if that process has not already begun. But we do not think that the right of citizenship, which seems almost certain to be granted to India very soon, will be taken away after the war.

International Relief

In ratifying the Agreement regarding the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, the Central Assembly rightly added a rider that any area important to military operations of the United Nations which is stricken by famine or disease should be included in benefits to be made available by the Administration. The contribution to be made by India has not been specified, but it should be on the basis of capacity to pay and due regard should be paid to the fact that acute distress has been prevailing in many parts of the country and one or two millions have died of sheer starvation. Secondly, the representative of India on the various relief committees should be a non-official enjoying the confidence of the Assembly and that India is adequately represented in the administrative staff of the relief organization.

Monace To Free Press

Of the various menaces to a free press in India, dealt with by Mr. A. D. Mani in his presidential speech at the Orissa Journalists' Conference, not the least dangerous is the tendency of a Party Government in the autonomous provinces to persecute the Opposition party's papers in order to entrench its own position. He suggested that organised bodies of journalists should press for the inclusion in the declaration of rights of the future Indian constitution a clause that would guarantee freedom of the press, a declaration which would be susceptible of enforcement in Courts of law. The remedy is certainly worth trying. But it will not be very helpful by itself. The Press as a whole should be strongly organised and should develop conventions making papers of all parties regard it as a point of honour and also far-seeing self-interest to stand by a paper harassed for purely party reasons. Papers of All-India importance should be very helpful in this respect.

Industrialist Propaganda

Mr. Mani also referred to the growing tendency of industrialists to control economic opinion through their own papers and others partially controlled by them. The best way to meet this danger is for independent papers to study economic questions with the same thoroughness with which they study politics. They will then be less apt to be guided by controlled papers claiming to explain expert views. Conferences of disinterested economists are also useful in counteracting the interested propaganda of industrialists.

"With No Regrets"

This is the title of an autobiography by Mrs. Krishna Hutheesingh (published by Padma Publications and priced at Rs. 6/8). It is a moving story, written in simple and attractive language, of the great and almost incredible changes that have taken place in the life and thought of the writer as they have taken place in those of many young men and women of her generation—thanks, mainly, to the influence of Gandhiji and the Indian National Congress which he has dominated during the last twenty-five years. But, as Mrs. Sarojini Naidu says in her Foreword to the book, the personal narrative of the book is closely woven into the fabric of the family history of the Nehrus wherein, for the wider public lies its special value and appeal. "In this simple and intimate chronicle", she writes, "we discover the magnificent Motilal Nehru—where shall we ever find his equal—in his most endearing and delightful role as the benevolent and genial patriarch and dictator of an adoring family..... Here, Jawaharlal, that passionate and intrepid crusader for world causes, doffs his armour and sheathes his fiery sword, and proves himself an incomparable exponent of many-sided relationship as son and brother, husband, father, friend and perfect playmate of little children." This is one of those books which should be read by all students of the history of the Indian struggle for freedom.

Rains Cause Damage To Crops In U. P

(From Our Correspondent.)

ALLAHABAD, April 6

It is suspected that much damage to crops in the United Provinces has been caused by the untimely rains which are continuing intermittently for several weeks past. Crops have also been damaged by hailstorms. The Governor and his Advisers are all out on inspection tour to have first hand information of the damage caused.

"TIRPITZ" USELESS AS WARSHIP

LONDON, April 7: Desmond Tighe, Reuter's special correspondent who accompanied the 'Tirpitz' striking force adds this postscript to his narrative of the attack: "A preliminary report states that the "Tirpitz" is now believed to be useless as a warship."

CHARITY DRAMA AT MANMAD

(From A Correspondent.)

MANMAD, (By Mail).

Anant Sangit Dramatic Co. has agreed to give a show in aid of Red Cross Fund on Tuesday, (11 inst.), when "Zashiki Rani" will be staged.

GROWTH OF INSURANCE BUSINESS IN INDIA

Mr. Naik Pleads For United Front

The following are extracts from the Presidential address of Mr. K. M. Naik delivered at the 16th Annual General Meeting of the Indian Life Assurance Offices Association held at Bombay, on Thursday, (30th March):—

The times have changed. The Act has, in a sense, acted as a leveller and given a standing to all the companies. The Association will gain by admitting into its fold those companies which have been registered under the Insurance Act. Of late, several new Composite Insurance Offices have been formed with fairly large paid-up capital and, in the larger interest of insurance, the benefits of membership should be made available to them. In this connection, suitable amendments in the constitution will, in due course, be placed before you and I feel sure they will receive adequate consideration from you. With the growth of insurance business, the need for a united front on the part of insurers becomes a vital necessity.

Phenomenal progress has been recorded in the new life business during the last year. Most companies have written record new business and, generally speaking, the year 1943 may be regarded as the high-water mark of Indian insurance.

None will now deny that insurance in India deserves the popular confidence it enjoys. Brilliant progress in any business, as most of you must already be thinking, cannot be sustained without continuous efforts. We have our problems as you very well know. And, as your spokesman on the occasion, I feel it my duty to sound a warning that we must not allow the record business of 1943 to cloud our vision. We must recognise that the business may shortly have to face a serious situation. Factors are arising to create obstacles for Life insurance and, unless we exercise more than usual circumspection, the colour of the picture may change rapidly.

Mr. Naik then touched on the problems of 'Bogey of lower income', section 27 of the Insurance Act, 'mounting burden of taxation', 'difficualties of internal economy', 'Need of self-introspection' etc.

WORKING OF ASSOCIATION

While seconding the resolution for the adoption of the annual report Mr. K. C. Desai, Deputy President of the Indian Life Assurance Offices Association made the following observations amongst others:—

"The number of insurers registered under the Insurance Act, 1938 (not including those whose certificates of registration have been cancelled) upto 1st April 1943 is 302 of which 209 insurers are constituted in India, 91 outside India and 2 have standing contracts with members of the Society of Lloyds. Of the 209 Indian Insurers 77 have their head offices in the Bombay Presidency, 49 in Bengal, 32 in the Madras Presidency, 18 in the Punjab, 13 in Delhi, 8 in United Provinces, 4 in Central Provinces, 3 in Sind, 3 in Bihar, and 1 each in Assam and Ajmer-Merwara. Of the 91 non-Indian Insurers, 60 are constituted in the United Kingdom, 21 in the British Dominions and Colonies, 3 in the continent of Europe, 6 in the United States of America, and 1 in Java. Of these companies 184 Indian and 16 non-Indian Companies are doing Life Insurance Business."

Japs Punitive Expedition To South

NEW DELHI, April 2.

(From Alan Humphreys, Associated Press of India War Correspondent at Chindits Advanced Headquarters):—

Multiplying the confusion in the Japanese rear areas, a force of Chindits cut a road while the Japanese were organising defence and attacking the air strip and stronghold created by the Chindits. The road cut was recently heavily used for bringing men and supplies from the south to the threatened north. The eighty foot bridge has now been rocked into nothingness by the Chindits' demolition experts. The Japanese have already dispatched a punitive expedition to the south.

The attack on the stronghold and the air strip was not unexpected. Patrols had reported a force of some hundreds of Japanese moving towards positions for several days beforehand.

BRIDGE BLOWN UP

By blowing up a bridge, a column of Chindits has cut the main road and it is thought it may take up to one month to effect repairs. After inflicting two serious defeats on the Japanese first at the airstrip-cum-stronghold and secondly at the Road rail block on the line to Myitkyina, the Chindits are at present "sitting pretty."

The remnants of the Japanese force routed at the stronghold are withdrawing northward and wide patrolling has failed to establish contact.

JAP LOSSES

Since they started operations the Chindits have inflicted at least one thousand casualties on the Japanese their own casualties being never more than one quarter of the enemy's.

Though the Japanese are still maintaining their offensive towards Imphal and Manipur road, these attacks are slowly being affected by the Chindits' operations. It should not be long before the enemy has to make a readjustment of the forces attacking Manipur to deal with the threat to his lines of communications.

The heavy falls of rain in the past few days gave a hint of the approaching monsoon which poses serious questions both for the Allies and for the Japanese.—A.P.

How Chindits 'Impose Their Will On Japs'

By Alan Humphreys, A.P.I. War Correspondent at Chindits Advanced Headquarters, April 3:

For the first time since the start of Chindits operations inside Burma, the Japanese tried to supply their forces by air and they failed signally. On the third night of Japanese attack on an air strip and stronghold, three Japanese aircraft flew over and dropped ammunition—all into the British area. By this action two of Gen. Wingate's principles have been fully borne out. "I not only went where the enemy was not," he declared when outlining his strategy soon after the start of the operation, "I also went where it was difficult of access by land."

WINGATE VINDICATED

The second principle borne out was Gen Wingate's statement that his plan was "not to kill the Japs but impose my will on them. If you do that you can kill them in any number you want." The Japanese have been compelled to come and attack a position which is extremely difficult to get at and where their troops cannot be maintained any length of time except by air and where they have been routed and dispersed into the jungle for the first battle with the Chindits.

The Japanese have been compelled to adopt the system of air supply "and they are long way behind us in the technique of supply dropping", stated a Chindit staff officer. Ground defences shot down one of the three planes, the pilot and another member of the crew parachuting into Jap lines. Since the start of Chindit operations not a single supply aircraft has been shot down, though the number of such sorties is now about 1,000.

JAP 18TH DIVISION 'VERY SHAKEN'

Attacked fiercely and continuously by Gen. Stilwell's Americans and Chinese and harassed in their rear by Chindits, the crack Japanese Eighteenth Division appears to have been very shaken. Japanese troop movements in Northern Burma, he adds, indicate that the swashbucklers who swaggered through the streets of Singapore are now being withdrawn with their tails between their legs.

CONDOLENCE ON WAR CORRESPONDENT'S DEATH

NEW DELHI, April 7.—The Press Association, Delhi, has passed the following resolution:

"The Press Association, Delhi, has learned with deep regret of the death while on duty on Burma front of two distinguished journalists, Messrs. Stuart Emeny of the "News Chronicle" and Stanley Wills of "Daily Herald", London, and pays sincere tribute to the memory of their brave colleagues and expresses deepest condolence to the bereaved families."

"She Defends Her Country," Epic Of Soviet Heroism

BY K. A. ABBAS

The Friends of the Soviet Union provided an unusual treat to the delegates of the All-India Women's Conference when they held a special show of "She Defends Her Country," a Soviet film, on Friday morning at the Roxy Cinema.

A gathering of nearly a thousand persons including Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Mr. Bhulabhai Desai and Mr. S. A. Brelvi, were spellbound as they watched the grim and yet inspiring drama unfold itself on the screen. Never before in this country have we seen the sheer horror of the war depicted in a film with such vigorous realism. Never before has the epic heroism of the common Soviet people been seen dramatised in such a striking manner. Never before has a story of anti-Nazi idealism been brought to the screen with such consummate artistry!

"She Defends Her Country" is a fictional film but its basis is the real-life heroism of the Soviet peasant partisans who did so much to help the Red Army in pushing back the Nazi invader. It shows in episodes of steadily mounting drama how a free people defend their freedom, how they match their indomitable will against the armed might of the invader. It is a story of a whole people told in terms of individual experience. It is the personification of the conflict of two ideologies—the ideology of brutal fascism and the ideology of Socialist brotherhood. A sense of the larger issues involved in the Soviet-German war invests every scene in this picture. If it is true that art is the universalization of emotion, this film is an artistic triumph, for it projects the sufferings and the spirit of a handful of Soviet peasants on the conscience of mankind.

There is no place in a Socialist Society—or in Socialist filmcraft—for the glamorisation of the individual. But the individual who makes his or her personality completely subservient to the common purposes of the people as a whole is the model of Socialist heroism. Such a heroine is Praskovya, the woman leader of the partisans, depicted in this picture. A happy wife and mother, a Stakhanovita worker decorated for her outstanding work at the tractor wheel, a favourite of her village folk because of cheerfulness and sense of humour, the grim reality of war transforms her into a bitter, unrelenting, uncompromising, guerilla fighter pledged to kill or be killed, to give no quarter, no respite, to the hated enemy. One has just to look at her face—across which unspeakable suffering has drawn deep lines but which is ever lighted by the smouldering fire in her eyes—to realize what was the secret of the epic resistance put up by the Soviet people against overwhelming odds. Such a free spirit, one feels, can never, never, be enslaved! But the story is not that of Praskovya alone but *of her people*—the humble, peace-loving collective farmers defending their soil with anything they can get hold of—hatchets or bamboo staffs, matchlocks or guns snatched from the enemy. She is a part of them—a symbol of *their* courage, *their* determination, *their* heroism! Here are not one, not two, not ten, but millions of people who know that their country—and all it contains—belongs to them, and who would rather die than let it be taken away from them!

We have seen too few Soviet films to be able to make comparisons but one can say that "She Defends Her Country" has a good deal to teach us about those principles of Soviet filmcraft which have made the work of directors like Eisenstein and Pudovkin the model for progressive and socially-conscious films all over the world. Here is realism blended with artistry, sense of social values emerging from individual experience, the judicious, masterly use of technique—camera angles, composition, lighting, montage and musical score—to create, sustain and heighten dramatic effect. There are individual scenes in the picture which are memorable as, for instance, the moment when Praskovya sees the reflection of her grey hair in the water—a tribute both to Friedrich Ermler, the director, and to Maretskaya who plays the leading role—but throughout one's dominant impression is that what is important are the people, not one person, the mood and not the moment.

Indeed, the spirit—the fighting spirit—of the picture is summed up in these words uttered by Praskovya at the conclusion:

"'Moscow is sending us greetings through the wings of these planes. And here we feel as though wings have grown upon our shoulders and one wants so much to live. We take an oath, comrades, that so long as the sun shines and so long as grass grows we will continue to fight for our life, for our land, for our Soviet power. We shall fight to the last drop of our blood, to the very last breath. I know it is hard, comrades, but all the same it is joyful!"

Women Conference Delegates See Soviet Film

The Soviet film "She Defens Her Country" was shown at the Roxy Cinema on Friday morning at a special show arranged by the Friends of the Soviet Union for the delegates of the All-India Women's Conference and the members of its Reception Committee. Mr. S. A. Brelvi, President of the Union, welcomed the delegates.

Release Leaders And Establish National Govt.

Nationalist Christian Party's Easter Manifesto

The Executive Committee of the Nationalist Christian Party, Bombay, has issued the following Easter Message:—

The Committee extends to all the greetings of a happy Easter. After 40 days of Lent—a period given to prayer and fasting for mortification and purification—in commemoration of the great Tragedy and Sacrifice on Calvary, we have the Resurrection of Christ symbolising His triumphant victory over evil and death. By a coincidence, this week is also observed throughout India as National Week in memory of the stupendous awakening and upheavel in the country culminating in the tragedy of Jallianwalla Baug. Since then, India has witnessed many more tragedies in her march to Freedom, the latest being the wholesale arrest of the Nation's leaders in August 1942 and events that followed. In view of the danger of invasion, the historic August resolution demanded declaration of Indian Independence and immediate establishment of National Government at the Centre.

The course of events since August 1942, the untold misery of people due to food shortage, famines, starvation and epidemics especially, in Bengal, Orissa, Malabar and Bijapur, the struggle of the famished and emaciated masses for bare necessities of life, the bungling by the Government in every direction and the invasion and treading upon the sacred soil of our Motherland by Japanese hordes, amply proves how correct was the demand made in the August resolution in that, only a National Government enjoying the confidence of the people can effectively mobilise all the resources of the country to meet any emergency. If Government complacently think that representation is the penacea for all the ills and dangers that face us, they are sadly mistaken. Only a bold and statesmanlike action on their part can save the rot in India.

Let us therefore, in celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord, work with strength, courage and confidence for the political and economic resurrection of our enslaved Motherland. In the name of Christianity and all that it stands for, may we urge upon the British Government that it would go a long way not only to bring about national safety and security but even world security if they declare India free, release the Nation's leaders and establish a fully representative National Government at the Centre with full powers to deal with war and other problems confronting the country.

Mrs. Pandit Supports Blood Bank

The following message has been sent by Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit to the Chairman of the Civil Hospitals Emergency Aid Committee, Bombay:

The urgent need for permanent Blood Bank organisations has not been sufficiently realised by the Indian public. We have developed a habit of looking at unfamiliar things with suspicion and many a good cause suffers in consequence.

At the present time more than ever before, all forms of disease, specially those which are a result of malnutrition are increasing and hospitals are in immediate need of drugs, tonics and particularly of voluntary donors who will give their blood for purposes of transfusion.

I hope the public will support this cause so that a permanent Blood Bank for civilians may be established in Bombay and a reserve of dried palsma may be built up for emergency use in the event of sudden disasters.

DACOITS MURDER TWO PERSONS

(From Our Correspondent.)

PALITANA, April 7.

Echoes of armed attacks of Bhavnagar Raidi, Tambdi, Anida and Moidi have not yet subsided when the news have been received of a dacoity, Mahuva and Sarera have been raided by about seven dacoits and they have murdered two and looted about Rs. 8,000. Bhavnagar Police have been chasing the gang. People have been terrorised.

Late Kasturba Gandhi MR. PANTHAKY URGES PANCHAYAT

Mr. N. B. Panthaky, an old journalist of the city, has sent a letter to Mahatma Gandhi expressing his heartfelt sorrow at the sad demise of Kasturba Gandhi, and sympathising with him and his family in their sad bereavement.

Mr. Panthaky further informs Mahatmaji that according to a Parsi custom several Parsis of the city had sent sandalwood to the fire temples for the peace of Kasturba's soul.

Another letter is sent by Mr. Panthaky to the Trustees of the Parsi Panchayat requesting them to pass a condolence resolution for Kasturba's death in their Board's meeting and also to call a public Parsi meeting for the same purpose.

"THE FARCE HAS BEEN UNMASKED'

NEW DELHI, April 6: Mr. Abdul Qua.yum, Member, General Assembly, has issued a statement in the course of which he says:—

The entire Finance Bill has been thrown out. The farce of an expanded Executive Council stands unmasked. There is one and only one way out. Scrap the Excutive Council. Release all political prisoners and detenus forthwith—their detention helps no one.—A. P.

Executive Councillors On Tour

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, April 6.

With the conclusion of the Assembly session, most members of the Governor-General's Executive Council are leaving the Capital either for short recess at their homes or on tour.

Sir Sultan Ahmed left for Patna last night. Dr. Khare left to-day for Coimbatore. Sir Asoka Roy and Sir Edward Benthall are leaving this week latter for a tour in Bengal and Assam. The Commerce Member, Sir Azizul Haque, is leaving by April 17 for Eastern Bengal. Dr. Ambedkar leaves for Bombay on April 11 and will visit coalfield before returning to Delhi next month. He holds conference with mica interests on April 10. As already reported, Finance Member, Sir Jeremy Raisman will shortly leave for London.

Red Cross Wrestling Tournament

(From A Correspondent.)

The All-India Red Cross Wrestling Tournament Committee has handed over a sum of Rs. 25,000 to the Red Cross Fund as a result of the tournament recently organised by it in Bombay.

The tournament was organised with the best of intention to raise as large a sum as possible for the Red Cross in response to the appeal issued by His Excellency the Governor.

With this purpose a Committee was formed with the Collector of Bombay as Chairman and Mr. Mahomed Taher with whom the idea originated and who provided the money to finance its execution, as its vice-chairman.

After the first meeting at which the idea of holding an All-India wrestling tournament was discussed the committee asked Mr. Taher to visit Lahore and Amritsar in order to contact the most famous wrestlers of India personally and to secure their participation in the tournament.

Mr. Taher did so and was able to persuade Gama, Imam Bux, Hamidah, Gunga and several other renowned Indian wrestlers to make the trip to Bombay for the tournament. The venue fixed for the tournament was Brabourne Stadium where a section of the stands and ringside seats were provided to accommodate an attendance of about 9,000 persons nightly.

That the public generally and wrestling fans in particular appreciated the tournament was obvious from the attendance which actually indused the Committee to extend the tournament, originally intended to last three days, by an additional two days and the fact that even on the last day the stands were packed.

On the fourth night a surprise was sprung up by Hamidah, who suddenly entered the ring and threw out an unconditional challenge to Gunga, who promptly accepted it. As this was done without the Committee's knowledge, Mr. Taher called upon Hamidah to explain why he challenged Gunga without first consulting the Committee, whereupon Hamidah stated that having heard that Gunga was saying all over India that he was "prepared to fight Hamidah any time anywhere" he seized the opportunity provided by Gunga's presence to force him into the ring and make good his claim. Accordingly Hamidah-Gunga bout was advertised in the papers on the 14th. On the afternoon of the 14th March, that is the day of the bout, Gunga sent a message saying that he was not anxious to meet Hamidah, whereupon Mr. Taher immediately contacted Gunga through his brother who arrived at 4 o'clock in the evening with a message from Gunga saying that he was prepared to fight Hamidah for a purse of Rs. 17,000 irrespective of the fact whether Gunga won or lost. The exorbitant demand was put forth presumably on the assumption that it would be refused. Normally that is what would have happened since the Committee would never have sanctioned the payment of such an amount from proceeds devoted to the Red Cross. But Mr. Taher, feeling that everything possible should be done to secure the bout and not disappoint the public, offered to pay the money out of his own pocket—and so the bout was on.

When Gunga found that his demand had been conceded, he put forth a fresh one, that he should be allowed three months in which to prepare for the bout. This was plainly impossible and Mr. Taher and members of the Committee informed Gunga accordingly and continued their efforts to persuade him to keep his engagement till eight o'clock that evening, when they left with the final assurance from Gunga's brothers and supporters that they would do everything in their power to see that Gunga did not fail. The correspondence that passed between Mr. Taher and Gunga is clear on this point. Gunga was present at the ringside when the programme began; till 10 p.m. negotiations between him and the Committee continued till eventually at the last minute Gunga declined to enter the ring on the spot and an announcement had finally to be made on the Mike to that effect.

A section of the crowd in temper started breaking chairs and tried to damage the stands. The Police soon stopped that but not before something like Rs. 5,000 worth of damage had been done. Mr. Mohamed Liakat, a Member of the Committee, has been good enough to offer to pay it out of his own pocket so that the Red Cross Fund may not suffer.

Muslim Women's Literacy Classes

The following are extracts from the report of the Muslim Women's Literacy Classes organised by Mrs. Kulsum Sayani on behalf of the Adult Education Committee:—

During the year 1943, in 48 centres 144 classes were started in the city in various localities, out of which 17 classes had to be closed down in the middle of the term for some reason or other. In the remaining 127 classes 1,609 women were enrolled, out of whom 991 women passed the literacy test, as against 445 women in the previous year. In 15 out of 48 centres i.e., in about 40 classes Gujarati was the medium of instruction and Urdu in the rest of the classes. The most gratifying feature of the year under review was that 44 classes out of 127 continued as post literacy classes for the duration of eight months to one year; that helped in perfecting the work of the literacy classes. From the inception of this work i.e., from the beginning of 1939 to the end of 1943, altogether 3,601 women have attained literacy. Our monthly lectures and—especially the Mohorrum series have brought a real awakening among the Muslim women, so much so that many of them started taking private tuition to further their knowledge after passing the literacy test. These lectures have become so popular that there was a daily attendance of five to six hundred women and sometimes even more.

Now the last but not the least important item is my bi-monthly journal "Rahber". It has made great strides within these four years. It has definitely helped to keep the interest of the newly literate in literacy. In the classes, daily a passage is read out to the women and they are given lessons from this paper as well as the text-books so as to inculcate in them the habit of reading papers. The ten lectures of the Mohorrum series and sometimes other lectures also have been arranged under the auspices of the "Rahber" for the last four years. Owing to this, and owing to the high cost of paper and in view of the fact that almost 50 per cent of the people get it free, the "Rahber" is sorely pressed for funds. Since last year we have this paper in two more scripts viz: Gujarati and Hindi though the subject matter and the language is the same as in the Urdu script. I hope to have this paper soon in Bengali script as well as in Tamil also so as let it spread all over India. At present its circulation is 2,200 but my modest ambition is to make it go up to 2 lacs.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

Students graduating recently at a school of journalism in Madrid took a three-fold pledge of loyalty to God, Truth and General Franco, says the German News Agency.

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Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, on the eve of his departure for America, has promised "to get for Indian labour every possible means of advancement."

By "labour", presumably, he means "Indian Federation of Labour" which is already getting 13,000 rupees a month as a means of advancement!

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Dilpazir Fete is described as a fairyland."

Some of the fairies on parade are so flighty they may grow wings any moment!

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Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru says that the "token invasion" of the country demands a settlement of the deadlock.

A "token settlement"? to stop a "token invasion"?

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Australia is reported to be running short of manpower.

But since it must be kept "White Australia", no coloured immigrants are wanted to make up for the deficiency!

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"Paper Becomes War Commodity", says a headline.

War Commodity or War Casualty?

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The "Dawn" devotes nearly a column to castigate a Bombay paper (not ours) for its headline: "All-India Editors' Appeal To The Viceroy."

After that it is good to find a headline in the same issue of "Dawn" A.-I. MUSLIM HISTORY CONFER.

It is high time "A.I. Muslim Journalism" conferred and denounced its own printer's devil!

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) *A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and the No-Party Conference is to be declared illegal.*

(2) *This action has been taken by the Government as a result of Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru's advocacy of "that true and genuine spirit of nationalism which will brook no interference on the part of any foreign nation even though it may profess to justify its conduct in the name of liberty and freedom."*

(3) *Hitler says it is definitely unfair that U. S. bombers should be raiding Rumanian oil centres just when Soviet forces are crossing the Rumanian border.*

(4) *Mr. Amery has refused to resign because he says his constituency is not Birmingham but India—and Indians are more than pleased with him!*

(5) *In continuation of his letter demanding dearness allowance, Mr. M. N. Roy has requested the Government either to increase the monthly allowance paid to I.F.L. to 14 thousand or to decrease it to 12 thousand, as the figure of 13 thousand is definitely proving unlucky!*

(6) *"Easter is a Springtide for heart and soul" when even old ladies become lyrical and eloquent.*

(7) *Wendell Willkie will celebrate his failure to secure Republican nomination by making one more trip of the world—and this time he will refuse to obey President Roosevelt's instructions not to go to India!*

Mayor Opens Khadi And Village Industries Exhibition

Mr. M. R. Masani, Mayor of Bombay declared open Khadi and Village Industries Exhibition in celebration of National Week at Asthika Samaj Hall, at Matunga on Friday morning.

Referring to the concept of Village Industries the Mayor said, It symbolised the idea of decentralised economy. He said India was a land of villages and would remain so for generations to come. Political or Industrial revolutions as in the West would not affect the basic fact. The main occupation of the people was agriculture. But agriculture was not a full-time job. Therefore the people had time to have some occupation to supplement their family budget.

Mr. Masani paid a handsome tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, but for whose insistence the Village Industrial Movement would have been laughed out by so-called modern economists and industrialists. Mr. Masani contested the statement that Mahatma Gandhi was against use of machinery. Gandhiji, he said, was not against machinery as such but the way machinery was used.

Mrs. Yamunabai Hirlekar also spoke. Mr. K. A. Subramanyam presided. Mr. Nageshwar Rao, the well-known artist helped the organisation in tastefully decorating the exhibition with portraits of National leaders drawn by him.

Mussalman Wakf Amending Act

A Bill to amend the Mussalman Wakf Act, 1923, in its application to the Province of Bombay the Bombay Public Trusts Registration Act, 1935, and the Parsi Public Trusts Registration Act, 1936 has just been published:

A statement of its objects says: Section 6Q of the Mussalman Wakf Act, 1923, in its application to the Province of Bombay, Section 18 of the Bombay Public Trusts Registration Act, 1935, and Section 19 of the Parsi Public Trusts Registration Act, 1936, are mandatory provisions requiring the publication "inter alia" in local newspapers of the lists of Wakfs and public trusts and statements of sums standing to the credit of Wakfs' and public trusts' Administration Funds. In the case of small Wakfs and public trusts the publication in newspapers involves heavy expenditure which these trusts can ill afford and as the lists and statements are published in the "Bombay Government Gazette" it is necessary, particularly during the present emergency when there is acute paper shortage and the cost of publication of the lists and statements in the newspapers is very heavy to avoid such publication whenever it is unnecessary. It is therefore proposed in this Bill so to amend the said provisions as to reserve power to Government to direct such publication of the lists and statements in the newspapers when it is necessary.

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Sapru Demands Leaders' Freedom

Constitutional Govts. Must Be Restored To Safeguard Our Country Against Foreign Invasion

LUCKNOW, April 7.

"Grave as have been the events of the last few days, when the enemy has ventured to tread the soil of our country in a remote part of India, I think the occasion demands that we should close up our ranks and show to him that our best safeguard and shield against foreign interference is that true and genuine spirit of nationalism which will brook no interference on the part of any foreign nation even though it may profess to justify its conduct in the name of libery and freedom", declared Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru in his presidential speech at the Non-Party Conference held here to-day.

RESTORE CONSTITUTIONAL GOVTS. IN PROVINCES

Earlier Sir Tej reviewed at some length the present situation and said the more important question now was what should be done now. He said, "Frankly I think the time has come when Constitutional Governments and legislatures should be restored in the provinces. If the legislatures have lost the force of their mandates or have become jaded there is no reason why there should not be a general election in the provinces and at the centre, when there have been during the war elections in Australia, South Africa and elsewhere.

I should not, however, be understood to suggest that I shall be content with changes such as those indicated above in the provinces. It is my firm conviction that democratic and responsible Provincial Governments cannot be yoked without considerable risks of friction to a Central Government which is neither democratic nor responsible. It is for this reason that I suggest that a change at the centre should also be simultaneously brought about.

It must be a National Government representing different political parties and communities. What limitations of a temporary character on its powers may be considered necessary or expedient in view of the existing situation is a matter for careful consideration.

I can understand my suggestion being criticised by those who will not be satisfied with anything less than the full constitutional responsibility of Ministers to the legislatures, but I cannot understand criticism of this character coming from quarters which have shown little or no regard for constitutional proprieties during the last four or five years.

COMMUNAL UNITY

I do not wish to ignore or by-pass communal differences, but communal differences can be removed by trying, and not by refusing to try, to remove them.

It is, in my opinion, the duty of Government not merely to preach to us from day to day the importance of unity, or communal harmony, but to actively help us in achieving that end. I cannot, however, see how this end can be achieved without the active co-operation of the Congress and the Muslim League and other parties including the Government.

So long as the leaders of the Congress or any particular party are denied the freedom to approach the other parties for the purposes of settlement we need expect no change in the situation. It is for this reason in particular that I would urge that Mr. Gandhi and other leaders should be released and then a national conference convened.

The one ground which is now urged against the release is that they have not so far repudiated the Resolution of 1942.

I venture to submit that no settlement of big political issues can be brought about in this spirit. It was not brought in this spirit in the case of South Africa, Ireland or Egypt.

GOVT'S REGRETTABLE ACTION

Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru reviewed the events leading to the Congress Resolution of August 1942 and asked, "Was it wholly impossible for Government to establish contacts with leaders which might have led to a betterment of the situation? He added, *It is to my mind most regrettable that the rebellion of 1942 should have been advertised far and wide as if it meant a rebellion on the part of the bulk of the population.*

REMOVE PEOPLE'S DISTRUST.

"Even though there may be considerable doubt in the minds of many of us as to whether many of the rhetorical phrases and statements of those in power either in India or in England are going to be implemented in their entirety and in a true spirit of broad-minded statesmanship there is undoubtedly a very large body of opinion in India which has always favoured the Allies in the hope and belief that their success may lead to the establishment of a true democratic Government in the country.

It is not that I am overlooking our internal differences but I maintain very strongly that those differences will not be solved until there is a genuine conviction produced in the minds of the people of this country that India can reasonably expect a fair and square deal.

That conviction, I am bound to say, is lacking. The key to the situation lies in the removal of the spirit of mutual distrust which is the dominant feature of the situation".

Speaking frankly I have always regretted this decision of the Congress. I have maintained that it was neither wise nor fair on their part to have resigned their office without reference to their electorates but *the question is whether the mistake committed by Congressmen nearly five years ago can be a sufficient justification for penalising and punishing the electorates from year's end to year's end".—A. P.*

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Draft Resolutions

LUCKNOW, April 7.

The Subjects Committee of the Non-Party Conference met this afternoon and passed the following draft resolutions:

This Conference demands that the Governor-General's Executive Council should be reconstructed without delay as a truly National Government with a Prime Minister at its head consisting entirely of non-officials enjoying public confidence and in charge of all portfolios subject to responsibility to the Crown during the period of the war and in regard to Defence without prejudice to the position of the Commander-in-Chief as the Executive Head of the Defence Forces.

RELEASE LEADERS

This Conference demands that with a view to creating a proper atmosphere in the country Mahatma Gandhi and other leaders should be released forthwith. Their detention is justified neither on the ground of justice nor for reasons of State. Opportunity should be given to them as free men to review the whole situation and thus help in bringing about a settlement of outstanding issues between the Hindus and Muslims and England and India.

As the elections to the Central and Provincial Legislatures were held from seven to nine years ago this Conference demands that fresh elections to all Legislative bodies should be held without delay.

National Government at the Centre and formation of popular and representative Governments in the provinces', said Raja Maheswar Dayal Seth, Chairman of the Reception Committee, Non-Party Conference, welcoming the delegates this evening.

MAHESWAR DAYAL ON "FIRST STEP"

LUCKNOW, April 7.

"The first step towards the settlement in India has to be taken by Britain and that should constitute a different policy from any so far announced. It involves the release of Congress leaders, removal of control by the India Office and a declaration transferring real power to a representative

Ranji Trophy

BENGAL COMPILES 223 FOR 6 WICKETS

BAD SET-BACK AFTER GOOD START

By J. C. Maitra

In the Cricket Championship of India, Bengal closed the first day with 224 for 6 wickets, A. Chatterjee and P. Sen contributing 68 and 61 respectively. Shantilal Gandhi caused a serious setback to a promising total by claiming two victims in one over towards the end of the day.

The final of the Cricket Championship of India for the Ranji Trophy started at the Brabourne Stadium on Friday, the contending parties being Bengal out the contending parties being Bengal and the Western India States. The fact that the match is being played outside the cricket season was well reflected in the stands where there were hardly population of 5,000 in any part of the day. Blame the North Zone for the hold up and consequent loss of enthusiasm on the part of the public!

Fortunately the day was not as hot as it is generally at this time of year. A cool breeze blew throughout the day which encouraged the players to do their best.

STODGY CRICKET

The Maharaja of Cooch Behar, the Bengal skipper was lucky with the spin of the coin. It will stand his side in good stead in the long run.

There were three distinct phases in the day's play. To start with Jabbar and Akhil Chatterjee the opening pair gave the W. I. S. C. A. bowlers a long rope—themselves remaining in their shells practically throughout the morning. 60 runs were the result of their joint efforts during the pre-lunch period of 120 minutes.

After Jabbar's dismissal at 70 for 35, the batting took a brighter complexion. The 18-year-old P. Sen, called "Khokan" (meaning baby), joining Ashit Chatterjee measured the W. I. S. C. A. bowling quickly and helped his partner to raise the total in steady degrees. If Chatterjee had not succumbed at 138 to Purshottam, this pair might have built up a substantial foundation for Bengal. However, the outgoing batsman's contribution of 68 in 220 minutes including 5 fours was a creditable one.

Associated next with Nirmal Chatterjee, Sen carried on the good work until 182 was reached, when he ran himself out. 61 in 130 minutes which claimed 6 hits to the boundary was a handsome effort. But it might have been much more productive with a little more patience on the part of the youngster.

Three more wickets fell by the end of the day with an addition of 42 runs Shantilal Gandhi had a deadly spell just when stumps were about to be drawn claiming two victims in one over. From 220 for 4 wickets the score changed to 222 for 6! Now it does not look as robust as it promised at the start or even later on.

THE TEAMS:

BENGAL: Maharaja of Cooch Behar (Capt.), A. Deb, K. Bhattacharjee, N. Chatterjee, S. Mustafi, A. Chatterjee, A. Jabbar, B. Sen, S. Bannerjee, B. Mitter and M. Sen.

W.I.S.C.A.: Mr. H. W. Barritt (Capt.), Prataprai, Prithviraj, Umar Khan, Kisenchand, Akbar Khan, Shantilal Gandhi, Purshottam, Jayantilal, Sukhvantrai and Saeed Ahmed.

Opening Day's Game

Bengal won the toss and elected to bat, sending Jabbar and A. Chatterjee to open their innings. Saeed Ahmed operating the W. I. S. C. A. attack from the North end gave Jabbar the first run of the morning off his last delivery. Left-hander Akbar Khan was the bowler at the Pavilion end. Before the score had reached the ten mark, a change in bowling was effected when Jayantilal took over from Saeed Ahmed. The latter had bowled at a steady confident pace giving away only one run in all his seven overs—six of which had been maiden overs.

It took the pair a full forty minutes to hit up the first ten on the board. A four in the slips off Jayantilal and Jabbar had his individual ten runs.

The W. I. S. C. A. Skipper Barritt made another change in the bowling where he gave the ball to Purshottam whilst relieving Akbar Khan from the Pavilion end. The Bengal pair were going about in a steady manner taking no risks with the bowling, getting all their runs in singles and twos.

SLOW SCORING.

Twenty went up on the board when Chatterjee sent Jayantilal's delivery racing to the cover point for four and obtained his ten in the bargain as well. Jabbar treated Purshottam's delivery for a lovely four on the square leg boundary. Seventy-five minutes of batting had resulted in only 30 runs to the credit of the Bengal pair.

At this stage Saeed Ahmed was called back in place of Purshottam. His over completed Kisenchand took over from Jayantilal. His very second delivery was sneaked for a four on the leg by Jabbar.

Forty slowly creeped up on the board a little before one o'clock. A while later Chatterjee reached his twenty. The Bengal pair now decided to open up their game and Jabbar hit his side's fifty on the board by stepping out to lash at Kisenchand's delivery for a four on the extra cover boundary.

Again a change was effected when Akbar Khan replaced Saeed Ahmed from the Pavilion end. With the end of his over Shantilal Ghandi was given the ball to operate from the north end.

With the lunch interval just around the corner the Bengal opening pair were plodding on cautiously with the scoreboard showing 60 runs. At the lunch interval Bengal were 65 runs for the fall of no wickets, Jabbar and A. Chatterjee were still at the wickets with 32 and 29 as their individual scores.

SHANTILAL'S FIRST VICTIM

Exactly twelve minutes after lunch Shantilal captured Jabbar's wickets this being the first victim of the day. This happened when only five were added to the total. The first partnership lasting for 132 minutes had given a good start to the Bengal side (70-1-35).

Sen filled in the vacancy and heralded his arrival by some excellent strokes which quickly brought his score to 20, his partner being 35 at the time. A little later Chatterji with a single on the cover hoisted the first century of the day after 166 minutes of the game.

Purshottam, who replaced Akber Khan, succeeded in smashing Chatterji's wickets with a beautiful delivery (138-2-68). Chatterji's contribution included five hits to the boundary.

N. Chatterji associated himself into partnership with Sen, and the newly-formed pair hit up 22 in 20 minutes left for the tea interval. When the game closed for tea Sen had reached his 40 the score-board showing 160.

On the resumption of the game after tea Sen with a beautiful country drive off Shantilal which fetched him four reached his 50. He followed up with one more hit to the on-boundary off the same bowler.

The partnership however broke at 182 Sen was the unfortunate victim. Trying to snatch a hasty run he was run out. (182-3-61).

A. Deb, the wicket-keeper, who joined next was not meant to survive long. A tempting slow off Kishenchand lured him out of the pitch but he missed it, and was smartly stumped by Prataprai (191-4-1).

Maharaja of Cooch Behar the skipper of the Bengal team now joined N. Chatterji. Ten minutes later, the second century of Bengal went up the board.

At 205 new ball was taken and Sayeed Ahmed and Jayantilal were tried with it. Both kept good length, and were treated courteously.

Shantilal booked the last two wickets of the day. The Maharaja who lifted him for what appeared to be a sound stroke was smartly held by Jayantilal on the mid-off. (222-5-8)

In the same over he created a little more havoc in the Bengal team by clean-bowling Bhattacharji who had stepped out to fill in the vacancy. (222-6-0.).

Mustaffi was the next man in. He played out the remaining part of the over and when his partner finished with the last over of the day, the Bengal score stood at 224 for six wickets.

BENGAL 1ST INNINGS:

A. Jabbar b Shantilal 35, A. Chatterji b Purshottam 68, P. Sen run out 61, A. Deb stumped Prataprai b Kishenchand 1, Cooch Behar Maharaja c Jayantilal b Shantilal 8, K. B. Bhattacharji b Shantilal 0, N. Chatterji not out 40, Mustaffi not out 1, Extra 10, Total for 6 wickets 224.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1/70; 2/138; 3/182; 4/191, 5/222; 6/222.

BOWLING ANALYSIS: Sayeed Ahmed 24/15/18/0, Akber Khan 25/10/28/0, Shantilal 18/6/44/3, Jayantilal 18/8/41/0, Purshottam 22/9/29/1, Kishenchand 15/0/54/1.

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Candidates are requested to send in their names with eight copies of any statement that they wish to make in support of their candidature but without testimonials so as to reach the Registrar of the Oxford University, Mr. Douglas Vesle, not later than Saturday, the 13th May, 1944. APPLICATIONS BY CABLE WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED. The duties of the Professor include original work by the Professor himself and general supervision of research and advanced work in his subject and department. The stipend of the Professorship will be £1,200 a year. Subject to the provisions of the statute governing the post, a non-stipendiary Professorial Fellowship at All Souls College is attached to the Professorship. The candidate is permitted to hold any other appointment which is not inconsistent with the proper performance of his duties as Professor. (8382)

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

ADDITIONAL MOTIONS to the following effect of which notices have been received will be placed before the ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING of the CORPORATION called for MONDAY, THE 10TH APRIL, 1944, At 2 P.M. (BOMBAY TIME):— 78-85. From Mr. B. J. Deorukhkar—For (78) requesting the Mill and factory owners to provide facilities such as bathrooms, soap, towels, etc., for their employees working in petrol and mineral oil; (79) checking the influx of cases of leprosy coming from outside the City; (80) establishing a "Municipal Infant Hospital" for treatment of Children. (81) erecting a building on up-to-date lines for the Municipal Head Office with a spacious and attractive Hall for holding Corporation Meetings; (82) doing away with the distinction between male and female employees of the Conservancy Department in the matter of salaries; (83) appointing Mr. M. V. Donde as a member of the Post-War Reconstruction Committee of the Corporation; (84) improving the condition of the road and footpath leading to the Bhoiwada Hindu Cemetery, and (85) representing to the authorities concerned the hardship caused to the citizens staying in tenements without electric lighting due to the meagre quantity of Kerosene supplied to them.

86. From Mr R. K. Achrekar seconded by Mr. Narsingrao C. Pupala—For requesting the Commissioner to submit proposals to lay a water main of adequate size at the Jamshedji Bunder, Colaba, and such other parts of the City.

87. From Mr. P. M. Chinai—For requesting Government to evolve a scheme so as to ensure the supply of drugs and other chemical products to the public from recognised registered stores and to prevent the sale of such articles to profiteers.

By Order of His Worship
the Mayor,
S. V. MODY,
Municipal Secretary.

Municipal Corporation Office,
Bombay, 6th April, 1944.

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132. EDUCATIONAL ADLETS

To-day is last day for sending forms for Senior Cambridge Examination from Bombay Centre. Enrol To-day. Tutorial College, Dhobi Talao, Bombay. (4529)

Batliboi's Accountancy Training Institute, Vacation Classes in Book-keeping will start from Thursday the 13th instant. Enrol immediately for 1945 examinations. Apply for List of Courses and Fees at Trafford House, Prescott Road, Fort, Bombay. 4552

Applications are invited from candidates desirous of joining L.S.G.D. Diploma Training Classes for Officers of Local Self-Government Service conducted under the joint auspices of this Institute and the Government of Bombay which commence on 1st May 1944 at Bombay. Classes will also be opened at Poona and Ahmedabad if sufficient number of students apply to be admitted at these centres. Prospectus can be had from: The Director, Local Self-Government Institute, 11, Elphinstone Circle, Fort, Bombay. (3335)

Sharada Sadan, 11th Road, Khar, takes entire charge Children's Education at 7. 8233

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

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APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for posts of Loco Drivers and Loco Firemen. A least 2 years' Railway experience necessary. Age not to exceed 45 years. Minimum pay for drivers Re. -|4|3 per hour rising by annual increments to the maximum of -|7|- per hour. minimum pay for Firemen Re. -|2|3 per hour rising by annual increments to the maximum of -|3|6 per hour. 10% House allowance will be paid if quarters are not available. Employment will be temporary and for the duration of the war. Applicants certificates of previous employment should be forwarded. Successful applicants will be required to pass a medical examination by the Port Trust Medical Officer Applications should be addressed to the Assistant Mechanical Superintendent, Loco Shed, Bombay Port Trust Railway, Wadala, Bombay.

H. A. GAYDON,
Manager,
Bombay Port Trust Railway,
Nicol Road, Ballard Estate,
Bombay

6th April, 1944.

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DIRECTORATE OF MUNITIONS PRODUCTION,

Phoenix Building, Graham Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

NOTICE

THE EXISTING TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS of the Directorate of Munitions Production, Bombay, will be cancelled and replaced by a central switchboard having five exchange lines and thirty extensions.

The new telephone number will be 30041 (five lines).

The change over will be effected at 9 A.M. on Monday the 10th April, 1944.

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.
Suit No. 446 of 1939.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION ..... Plaintiffs.

Versus

Messrs. ABDOOLABHOY LALLJEE & Co. & Others. ..... Defendants.

PURSUANT to Consent Decree, dated 26th April, 1939 and Judge's order, dated 20th June, 1941, the following immovable property (Rukhia Manzil) will be sold by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at his Office in the Court House on Wednesday, the 26th April, 1944, at 3 p.m. (S.T.).

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land or ground formerly of Pension and Tax tenure but subsequently redeemed and now of freehold tenure with the building and the other structures standing thereon or on some part thereof situate, lying and being at Cumballa Hill, Warden Road, without the Fort and the Registration Sub-district of Bombay, admeasuring 2416 sq. yds. or thereabouts and originally forming part of a larger property fronting the Mahaluxmi or Warden Road on the East side thereof which larger property is registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's New Nos. 455 and B|455, New Survey Numbers formerly 7|7131, 1|7133 and 7133 but now A|7133 and Cadastral Survey No. 1|698 of Malabar Hill and Cumballa Hill Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under D Ward No. 3513 (3), Street No. 61A, and bounded, on the NORTH by a private passage, on or towards the SOUTH by the property formerly of Tribhovandas Virjivandas, on or towards the EAST by the said private passage and on or towards the WEST by the property known as Flowermead.

For further particulars and conditions of Sale, application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the office of Messrs. Craigie, Blunt and Caroe Attorneys for the Plaintiffs abovenamed at Standard Building, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 17th day of March 1944.

(Sd.) ARMAND F. SEQUEIRA
Commissioner.

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BY ORDER R. F. S. BAYLIS, ESQR. I. C. S., DISTRICT JUDGE, CAWNPORE

In the Court of the District Judge, Cawnpore
Misc. Case No. 31 of 1943.

HANUMAN PERSHAD . Appellant
versus.
PARSHOTAM DAS and others .. Respondents.

NOTICE

To

Bhagwan Dass Lakshmi Dass for Madhaji Thakurji & Sons, Bhala Jetha Market, Bombay.

TO TAKE NOTICE that the appellant has applied to this Court that though the appeal has been filed out of limitation, yet it may be admitted under Section 5 of Indian Limitation Act so 28th April, 1944 is fixed for hearing of this application. And if you fail to appear on the date fixed the application will be heard ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court.

Dated 3rd April 1944.

By Order,
MUNSARIM,
Judge.

Distt. & Sess. Judge's Court,
Cawnpore.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sir PADAMPAT SINGHANIA has no further interest in the Indian Trade & General Insurance Co., Ltd., other than that of an ordinary director whereas he is the Chairman of the Free India General Insurance Co., Ltd., which is a J. K. Group Concern.

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AUCTION SALES.

AUCTION SALE TO-MORROW SUNDAY at 10-30 A.M. (S.T.) Property of a European gentleman D. Brown, Esq., and others at Chowpatty Sea Face near Vianelli's Restaurant of complete household and office furniture, Austrian and other fire-proof Safes, Godrej Steel Almirah, Standard and Portable Typewriter, Singer Machine, Table Fan Dining Table, Chairs, Side-board, Cabinet, Show Cases, Writing Tables, Dressing Tables, Chesterfield Sets, Almirahs, Bed with box Mattress, etc. T. No. 40213, Eastern Auction Co.

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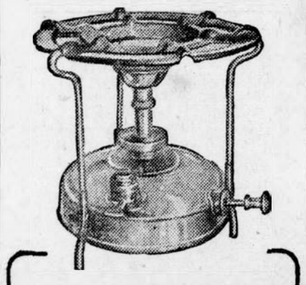

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Artists will please bear in mind that:

- A first prize of Rs. 250|- and a second one of Rs. 150|- will be awarded.
- The winning designs will become the property of the Kesoram Cotton Mills Ltd. Competitors who require their entries returned must enclose stamped and addressed envelopes.
- Entries should be in black and white line suitable for reproduction in any size.

Other conditions for the competition are the same as published in this paper on 28-2-44.

In view of this extension, the result of the competition will be announced during the last week of June 1944.

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